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SUBJECT: VISIT OF TUDOR ZHIVKOV TO HUNGARY

1. BULGARIAN FIRST SECRETARY TODOR ZHIVKOV AND LARGE PARTY OF INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE NOTABLES VISITED BUDAPEST JULY 8-10, AT INVITATION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF HUNGARIAN SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (HSWP). ZHIVKOV OPENED BULGARIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION AT BUDAPEST TRADE FAIR CENTER ON JULY 9 AND LATER DISCUSSED "QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST" WITH JANOS KADAR AND OTHER TOP PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

2. ZHIVKOV'S SPEECH AT SWELTERING JULY 9 EXHIBIT OPENING CONSUMED WELL OVER FORTY-FIVE MINUTES (WITH CONSECUTIVE TRANSLATION INTO HUNGARIAN) WHILE BULGARIAN DELEGATION AND HUNGARIAN LEADERSHIP (KADAR, LOSONCZI, ET AL)

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FOR HERD OF STILL PHOTOGRAPHERS. (MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS ENVIED PRC AMBASSADOR WHO HAD FORESIGHT TO BRING HIS FAN.) HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT LOSONCZI'S REPLY WAS MERCIFULLY BRIEF.

3. ZHINKOV'S REMARKS WERE AS DEVOID OF ANYTHING NOTEWORTHY AS THE PRODUCTS DISPLAYED. HOWEVER BULGARIAN LEADER DID SAY THAT BILATERAL TRADE WITH HUNGARY IS DUE TO INCREASE 50 PERCENT OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS. PRESS HAS CARRIED LITTLE CONCRETE INFORMATION ON BILATERAL TALKS.

4. HOWEVER, COMPOSITION OF BULGARIAN DELEGATION INDICATES THAT EFFORTS WERE MADE TO WORK OUT DETAILS ON IMPLEMENTING PREVIOUSLY AGREED ON JOINT INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. DURING CEMA PRIME MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IN MARCH, GREAT DEAL OF FANFARE WAS GIVEN TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF BULGARIAN-HUNGARIAN COOPERATION AGREEMENTS.
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